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ANNUAL REPORT
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1973
DIVISION OF REGISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE AND REGISTRATION

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Department of Civil Service and Registration

Board of Registration in Pharmacy

Leverett Saltonstall Building, Government Center

100 Cambridge Street, Boston 02202

June 30, 1973

Louis J. Resteghini
Director of Registration
Leverett Saltonstall Building
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Resteghini:

In compliance with statute, we herewith submit the Annual Report of the Board of Registration in Pharmacy for Fiscal Year 1973.

In step with the preceding year, the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1973, was one of continued intensified activity. Board members contributed relentlessly to the activities and functions of the Board and have attracted national recognition. Fiscal restraint and curtailed office staff has created a most difficult situation to meet the requirements necessary to produce a maximum result. The number of meetings held by the Board exceeded those of the previous years, as the profession demands expansion in new areas of activities and hearings exceed the hundred mark.

Statistics continue to reveal a decline in independent pharmacies over chain operations and corporations. The total number of pharmacies again shows a decrease over the previous years. The facts and figures in the data inclosed are self-evident and self-explanatory.

The number of candidates for licensure continues to remain constant, although evidence is beginning to show that the following years will produce an increase in registered pharmacists. The trends continue to show an increase in women pharmacists.

Break and entries, armed robberies, and holdups continue to plague the pharmacies and jeopardize the health and safety of the registered pharmacists. As street traffic of drugs sources tighten and dry, the greater the incidence of attempts to procure the drugs through the legitimate channels of drug distribution. This fiscal year reveals over two hundred (200) break and entries and armed holdups of pharmacies, approximately half of which were holdups. The majority of cases revolved

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within the City of Boston. Eighty-six (86) cities and towns reported one to four breaks or robberies. Fourteen (14) cities or towns reported five to ten breaks or robberies. The drugs involved cover a wide range of barbiturates, amphetamines, and narcotics.

The Board concerned itself with many activities and was represented in many programs and seminars, such as the following: Interagency meetings with the Department of Public Welfare on unit dose study for extended care facilities; conference sponsored by the Mass. Board of Higher Education on areas of greatest change in health care manpower planning; New England Institute for Continuing Education; consultation with the attorney general in preparation of drug abuse control reference charts, etc.; seminars on medication distribution systems in nursing homes; appearances at colleges of pharmacy for presentation on Pharmacy Laws, Rules and Regulations, etc.

In March of 1973, at the request of George I. Freedman, pharmacy consultant, H.C.F.S., U.S. Public Health Services, a conference was held to discuss New Drug Distribution Systems.

In October of 1973, the tripartite committee on Internship presented guidelines on Internship and distributed forms to be used, 0 - 5, in the program and accepted for publication "Objectives and Procedures" for internship.

The Board, on November 14, 1972, interviewed seventeen (17) applicants for a provisional appointment as pharmacy investigator to fill a vacancy created by the death of Bernard V. Harty on September 16, 1972.

On January 16, 1973, after careful consideration of the qualifications, experience, training and personal evaluation of the candidates interviewed by the Board on November 14, 1972, the Board voted to submit the name of Louis J. Pacifico for provisional appointment as pharmacy investigator pending examination.

In accordance with Chap. 684, Acts of 1972, the following changes in fees became effective on July 31, 1972:

1. Chap. 112, Sec. 24+

Examination and re-examination fees from ten dollars increased to twenty-five dollars, and reciprocity fee from twenty-five dollars increased to fifty dollars.

2. Chap. 112, Sec. 24A+

Biennial renewal of Certificate of Registration from five dollars increased to ten dollars.

3. Chap. 112, Sec. 36B+

Wholesale drug license from fifty dollars annually increased to one hundred dollars annually.

4. Chap. 112, Sec. 39+

Drugstore permit from twenty-five dollars biennially to thirty-five dollars biennially.

On April 13, 1973, Chap. 173, of the Acts of 1973, was approved. This Act requires physicians, dentists, podiatrists, and veterinarians writing prescriptions on the prescription blanks of hospitals or clinics to print or type their names directly below their signatures.

On August 8th, the Board rejected an amendment of Rule 49, Item 16, which was heard at a public hearing several weeks prior. This amendment would have restricted the Board from making a regulation that would prohibit the advertising of prescription drugs. The rejection was based on the following facts:

1. The adoption would be contrary to and inconsistent with Sec. 46 of Chap. 94C General Laws.
2. Present regulation is in conformity with the statute, and
3. Since the statute supersedes the regulation, its adoption would automatically be voided.

On this same date, the Board adopted the amendment to Rule 49, Item 20. The amendment prohibits the pharmacist from advertising that he makes gifts of any type whatever, or giving discounts on any merchandise or items sold by him to persons whose prescriptions he fills or who consult him about the filling of prescriptions.

The expanding functions of the Pharmacy Board and ever-increasing workload on the agency demand additional finances and office help in order to execute its obligations and responsibilities to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

The Board continues to periodically release memorandums and notices to inform the profession of the constant changes, the interpretation of the laws, and matters of importance in the practice of the profession. It would be to a greater advantage if news bulletins could be disseminated by direct mailings to all pharmacies and/or all pharmacists. However, here again, lack of funds and personnel do not permit this activity.

Very truly yours,

Francis B. Finni, President

Ethel T. Pierce, Member

Richard R. Conlin, Member

Arnold L. Slavet, Member

John T. Lagowski, Member

Romulus DeNicola, Executive
Secretary



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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FISCAL YEAR 1973

JULY 1, 1972 TO JUNE 30, 1973

INCOME

Drug Store Permits	\$ 6,820.00
Certificates of Fitness	3,250.00
Controlled Substances Drug Stores	3,650.00
Controlled Substances Wholesalers	500.00
Wholesale Druggists Licenses	7,050.00
Examination Fees	3,605.00
Biennial Renewal of Personal Cert. of Registration ...	66,405.00
Reinstatement Fees	1,113.00
Reciprocity Fees	1,375.00
Duplicate Certificates	100.00
Certified Statements	122.00

TOTAL NET RECEIPTS

\$93,990.00

EXPENSES

Executive Secretary Services	\$15,074.35
Member's Services	5,250.00
Agents Services	46,915.20
Equipment	2,530.21
Repairs	429.14
Repairs, Accounts Payable	281.24
Travel, Members and Agents	3,586.95
Travel, Accounts Payable	1,363.05
Office Expenses from App. of Director of Reg.	5,079.19
Office Expenses, Accounts Payable	4,965.35
Office Personnell Services (Including Temporary Help).	16,279.95

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$101,754.63

Romulus DeNicola

Romulus DeNicola, Executive Secretary

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY

JULY 1, 1972 to JUNE 30, 1973

No. of Meetings for Hearings and Assembling of Markings	19
No. of Meetings for Examinations held by the Board	1
TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETINGS	20

HEARINGS

On New Drug Store Applications	43
On Wholesale Drug Licenses	8
On Reciprocity Applications	27
On Reinstatement Applications of Registered Pharmacists	2
On Illegal Sales of Controlled Substances	1
On Illegal Sales of Harmful Drugs	3
On Misbranding	1
On Misconduct	8
On Mislabelling	1
On Rule 45 Store Hours	2
On Substitutions	1
On Violations Against the Code of Professional Conduct	14

TOTAL NUMBER OF HEARINGS..... 111

RESULTS OF HEARINGS.

Cases Placed on Probation	3
Drug Store Permits Granted to Open New Stores	43
Personal Certificates of Registration Revoked	2
Personal Certificates of Registration Suspended	1
Reciprocity Applications Granted	24
Reciprocity Applications Denied	4
Reinstatements as Registered Pharmacist Denied	1
Warnings	3

GENERAL INFORMATION

Number of Drug Stores	1559
Number of Drug Stores Holding Certificates of Fitness	1162
Number of New Drug Stores Opened	27
Number of Removals of Drug Stores	21
Number of Drug Stores Closed	98
Number of Duplicate Certificates Granted	18
Number of Active Registered Pharmacists	6799
Number of Assistant Registered Pharmacists	59
Number of Reinstatements of Registered Pharmacists	77
Number of Wholesale Druggists Licenses Issued	62

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY

July 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973

EXAMINATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS PHARMACISTS

	<u>EXAMINED</u>	<u>REGISTERED</u>
June 18, 1973	136 111
TOTAL	136 111

REGISTERED BY MASSACHUSETTS THROUGH INTERSTATE RECIPROCITY

Connecticut	1
Illinois	2
Indiana	2
Kentucky	1
Maryland	1
Missouri	1
New Jersey	3
New York	3
Ohio	2
Oklahoma	1
Pennsylvania	3
Rhode Island.....	3
South Dakota	1
TOTAL	24

